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The Honorable Board of Directors
County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District
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ADOPTED

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Directors:

**ALLOCATE CITIES AND COUNTY EXCESS FUNDS
AVAILABLE TO THE THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT FOR A GRANT
TO BE AWARDED AFTER THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES AND
THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
ASSIGN THE RIGHT TO APPLY
TO THE LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION
FOR THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL AMPHITHEATER BENCH SEATING REHABILITATION
PROJECT
(THIRD SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$677,500 in Cities Excess Funds to the City of Los Angeles and \$677,500 in County Excess Funds to the Department of Parks and Recreation, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, for a grant to be awarded after the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation assign their respective rights to apply for the funds to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for rehabilitation of the existing amphitheater bench seating at the Hollywood Bowl.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the Hollywood Bowl Amphitheater Bench Seating Rehabilitation Project is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act because the Project involves rehabilitation of existing facilities in a manner consistent with applicable Secretary of Interior Standards, and for the reasons stated herein and the reasons reflected in the record of the Project.

2. Allocate \$677,500 in Cities Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the City of Los Angeles for a grant to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for the Hollywood Bowl Amphitheater Bench Seating Rehabilitation Project.

3. Allocate \$677,500 in County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996, to the Department of Parks and Recreation for a grant to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association for the Hollywood Bowl Amphitheater Bench Seating Rehabilitation Project.

4. Authorize the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation, in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District, to award a grant in the amount of \$1,355,000, after the City of Los Angeles and the Department of Parks and Recreation assign their respective rights to apply for the funds to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association and when applicable conditions have been met, and to administer the grant as of the date of this action and pursuant to procedures in the Procedural Guide for Specified, Per Parcel, and Excess Funds Projects; otherwise, funds shall remain in the Excess Funds account.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allocate \$677,500 in Cities Excess Funds and \$677,500 in County Excess Funds, available to the Third Supervisorial District pursuant to the Los Angeles County Safe Neighborhood Parks Proposition of 1996 (1996 Proposition), to the City of Los Angeles (City) and the Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR), respectively, for a grant to the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (LAPA) for the Hollywood Bowl Amphitheater Bench Seating Rehabilitation Project (Project).

The proposed Project consists of rehabilitation of existing bench seating including removal of existing wood boards and purchase and installation of replacement cedar wood boards throughout the Hollywood Bowl amphitheater. The total Project cost is estimated at \$1.6 million with \$245,000 in various Third Supervisorial District residual Capital Project account funds supplementing the recommended \$1,355,000 in Cities and County Excess Funds.

In a related item on today's agenda, DPR, which is a qualified recipient of County Excess Funds under the 1996 Proposition, is requesting that the Board, in its capacity as the County's Board of Supervisors, assign the right to apply for the \$677,500 in County Excess funds to LAPA.

It is also recommended, that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation (Director), in his capacity as the Director of the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District (RPOSD), be authorized to award a grant after the City and DPR assign the rights to apply for the funds to LAPA, and when applicable conditions have been met, such as grantee qualifications, consistency between the proposed Project and requirements of the 1996 Proposition, and grantee agreement with California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) requirements for the proposed Project, if applicable, and to administer the grant pursuant to the Procedural Guide previously approved by the Board.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended action will further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness (Goal 1) by enhancing cultural and recreational opportunities at the Hollywood Bowl in

the Third Supervisorial District.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Sufficient appropriation for the grant in the amount of \$1,355,000 is budgeted in the Third Supervisorial District portion of RPOSD Excess Funds Project Fund, HD6.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The 1996 Proposition requires that agencies to which funds were allocated under the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996 encumber all such funds prior to receiving grants of Excess Funds. LAPA has met this requirement.

The 1996 Proposition provides a method for determining each fiscal year the amount of funds available in the following fiscal year to fund capital improvement projects in addition to the amounts specifically identified for projects in the Safe Neighborhood Parks Propositions of 1992 and 1996. The recommended grant will be funded from the Excess Funds available to the Third Supervisorial District for Cities and County projects.

The Board may establish additional conditions on grants of Excess Funds. The Director will be authorized to award a grant when all applicable conditions have been met. Any funds allocated by the Board, but not encumbered by award of a grant contract in the same fiscal year, shall be available for allocation by the Board in the following fiscal year.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

All projects funded by RPOSD are required to comply with CEQA as a condition of the grant. The lead agency is responsible for preparing the appropriate environmental documentation for the proposed Project. RPOSD is the lead agency for the proposed Project.

The proposed Project is categorically exempt from CEQA according to Section 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines because the proposed Project involves rehabilitation of existing bench seating, including removal of existing wood boards, and purchase and installation of replacement cedar wood boards consistent with the Secretary of Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties with Guidelines for the Preserving, Rehabilitating, Restoring and Reconstructing Historic Buildings (Weeks and Grimmer 1995). There are no cumulative impacts, unusual circumstances, or other limiting factors that would make use of the exemption inapplicable based on the proposed Project records.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

A Grant Project Agreement (Agreement) will be entered into and administered under authority delegated to the Director and pursuant to the Procedural Guide approved by the Board in 2009 only if all applicable conditions of the grant have been met. The Agreement will be approved as to form by County Counsel.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

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The recommended actions will have no impact on any other projects funded by RPOSD but are required so that the LAPA may proceed with the proposed Project in the Third Supervisorial District, if all applicable conditions are met.

CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to return one adopted copy of this Board letter to the Chief Executive Office, Facilities and Asset Management Division; and one adopted copy to the Department of Parks and Recreation.

Respectfully submitted,



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Director

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County Counsel
Executive Office, Board of Supervisors